

### **Remarks/Arguments**

Prior to the present amendment, Claims 39-51 were pending in this application.

Applicants have canceled Claims 39-43 and amended Claim 50 in order to expedite prosecution without acquiescence to any rejections and without prejudice to filing a continuation/divisional/continuation-in-part application directed to the canceled subject matter.

Applicants believe that the current amendments place all claims in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Applicants have further amended the listing of claims to identify Claims 1-43 as canceled, thus providing a complete listing of the claims. Accordingly, the consideration and entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

All claims pending in this application are believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees, including any additional fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4634 (Attorney Docket No.: 123851-181890 (39780-1618P2C46)). Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

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